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COMMITTEE ON COASTAL REGULATION
Kharventhan Shri Salarapatty Kuppusamy

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Committee headed by agriculture scientist, Shri M.S. Swaminathan, has submitted its report regarding the review of the existing Coastal Regulation Zone;

(b) if so, the findings of the Committee thereon;

(c) whether the recommendations of the committee are proposed to be implemented in view of the recent Tsunami tragedy in the country;

(d) if so the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL)

(a) Yes, Sir. The Committee submitted the report 14th February, 2005.

(b) The finding of the committee are as under:

- the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification has brought greater awareness of the coastal issues.
- to a large extent the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification has been responsible for protecting and conserving the coastal environment by regulating development activities,
- while there has been large scale violations of the Coastal Regulation Zone Notification the State Government have insufficient infrastructural facilities to take action against such violations,
- the coastal issues are highly complex and multidisciplinary in nature which requires a multidisciplinary approach for managing the coastal environment in an integrated manner,
- in order to protect the coastal communities and property a setback zone based on vulnerability line should be prepared, and
- an institutional structure should be put in place for addressing the issues of policy, law and conflict resolution relating to coastal problems.

(c) & (d): A rapid assessment of the environmental damages caused by recent tsunami has been commissioned by Ministry of Environment & Forest by engaging nine specialized agencies in the country. This is to be followed by the detailed field studies for the preparation of eco-restoration and environmental management plans for the protection of the coastal areas.

(d) Does not arise.